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## \$80,000 Bond Issue May Go To Voters

**Manager Reynolds Makes Report Regarding the Needs of Installing Adequate Water System for City.**

### CITY COMMISSION TO DECIDE

**Will Mean Elevated Tank; Million Gallon Reservoir and Other Improvements.**

There is every expectation at the present time that when the voters of Alma go to the polls at the November election they will be asked to pass upon a bond issue which is expected to reach \$80,000.00 which the city officials and William E. Reynolds, city engineer, desire for the completion of the city's deep well water system and the extension of the mains.

Manager Reynolds was asked some weeks ago by the city commission to prepare estimates on the work of putting the new system in a workable condition, and after careful effort, Tuesday evening submitted his report to the commission, and it gives every assurance that a sufficient quantity of water can be obtained from the wells, and that it is possible to procure a supply that will be sufficient for the needs of the city even though it expands considerably during the coming years.

The report takes up the present flow of water from the wells, and shows that while the available supply from the wells during the day under the present conditions is not sufficient for current use, the amount pumped during the twenty-four hour period each day is sufficient, and would leave a surplus.

It is his plan to erect a large elevated tank of 150,000 gallon capacity, and a million gallon reservoir, in which to pump this excess supply, thereby storing up water, not only sufficient to take care of the peak loads during the day, but also sufficient to furnish the city with fire protection. This would do away with the necessity of going to the river for water at any time.

There should be installed also, in the opinion of Mr. Reynolds, a duplex or triple plunger pump to be used in pumping the water from the wells. He notes, in his report, the great superiority of this type over the centrifugal pump for lifting water from wells.

As the wells nearly all of them tap the same strata of water, Mr. Reynolds believes that two or possibly three could have screens pulled and be sunk to lower strata of water, without lessening to any great degree, the amount of water, which the wells can now pull from the vein that is being tapped. By going down with two or three wells to a lower strata of water a still further supply of water can be pulled from the ground, and if necessary, the report adds, a test well could be driven down to the strata just above the rock, which according to the state geologist, should yield an abundance of water, and is the strata that has heretofore not been tapped by the present water works. This strata underlies the heavy clay deposits at a depth of about 300 feet, and it might be possible to get all the water required from a few wells in this strata.

He also calls attention to water extensions that are needed in various parts of the city and names over a few streets in the report, on which these extensions are needed, some of these being Grafton, Marshall, Hillcrest, Grove, Linden, Republic, Highland, Hickory, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Francisco, Ferris, Grace, Washington, Fairview, etc.

In summing up the cost of the work which he outlines, the following estimates and costs are given: 150,000 gall. elevated tank \$22,000 1,000,000 gallon reservoir 26,000 Plunger pump 5,800 Water extensions & wells 26,200

Total \$80,000

The commission Tuesday evening adjourned until Thursday evening, and it is rather expected that the details of the report will be taken at that time, and it is more than possible that the commission may vote Thursday evening to submit the proposition to a vote of the people at that meeting.

### OBITUARY

David Cuyrell passed away at his home in Lansing, September 18, at the age of 80 years. The deceased was born in Beaverton, Ontario, May 7, 1840.

He came to Alma in 1870, and in 1872 (February 4) he was united in marriage to Malvina Emsley. To this union were born five children, two dying in infancy. The deceased is survived by his widow, a son, Archie Cuyrell, and daughters, Mrs. Millie Evans of Chicago, Mrs. Nita Blackford of Flint, and a foster daughter, Mrs. Hester Miller of Alma, and his two sisters. The remains were brought to Alma and funeral services held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alvin Miller on Ely street, Monday, Interment made in Riverside cemetery.

### GETS APPROVAL

**Large Mausoleum May Be Built Soon in Riverside Cemetery.**

Following an investigation into the advisability of a mausoleum in Riverside cemetery, and the merits of the company, which is seeking the right to construct one here, from places where the company had done such work, the Cemetery Board of this city recommended to the city commission Tuesday evening that the commission execute an optional contract with the representative of the company.

Drawings and photographs of works of similar nature submitted to the city commission Tuesday evening gave every evidence that such a structure would not only be advisable for the disposal of bodies, but that it would also be a thing of beauty, if properly located in Riverside cemetery.

The company has plans for the construction of mausoleums with 96 crypt capacity and larger. The exteriors of these buildings are of stone and the interiors of marble.

After considerable discussion the city commission voted unanimously to make an optional contract with the company's representative, authorizing the mayor and clerk to sign it.

The company sells the crypts in the mausoleum, and only constructs one large enough for the crypts that are sold. If the number of crypts sold is not sufficient to warrant the building of the mausoleum, the company will not construct the building.

### REPUBLICS FIND

**ST. JOSEPHUS EASY**

**Defeat South Bend Team With Ease in Both Saturday and Sunday Games.**

If the St. Josephus Club of South Bend had a reputation when it came to Alma Saturday for its two game series with the Republics, it speedily lost it, as the Alma gang smashed the ball merrily both Saturday and Sunday taking both games by scores of 5 to 2 and 13 to 3, Sherlow hurling a two-hit game in the opening frame, and striking out eleven while Hagerman turned them back Sunday with nineteen strikeouts chalked against them, and with only three hits to their credit.

**Saturday Game**  
The opening game Saturday was all Sherlow's, the big Gratiot lad being in fine form, holding the visitors without a hit until two were out in the eighth, when two singles and Oakes' error allowed the Hoosiers to count their two runs. Eleven men struck out before the offerings of Sherlow.

Crow pitched a good steady game for South Bend, except in the third inning, when the Republics took him for five of their nine hits, scoring all of the runs in that stanza. Crow walked one man and hit another during the inning and was only saved from being scored on still more by a double play his teammates pulled to retire the side. Tooley opened the festivities with a three-base crash. Hunter bumped one down to first which hit Moore in the knee bounding away. Tooley scored on the hit. Chouinard walked. Duncle's attempted sacrifice went for a hit, filling the bases. Loney tripled, all three men scoring. McElligott grounded out, Loney being held at third. Boyle was hit. Sherlow singled, and Loney scores. Oakes hit to second, a double play on Sherlow and Oakes, ending the Republic scoring for the day.

The game was slow, due somewhat to the condition of the South Bend team, which arrived in Alma just an hour before the game, after twelve hours of tiresome riding on the trains. At that the St. Josephus team put up an errorless brand of baseball behind Crow, and pulled off one or two feature catches.

Duncle's wonderful one-handed catch in the fifth, and Loney's heavy hitting featured from the Republic viewpoint.

**Republics**  
Oakes, lf 4 0 1 2 0 1  
Tooley, 2nd 3 1 2 1 1 0  
Hunter, rf 4 1 1 2 0 0  
Chouinard, m 2 0 0 0 0 0  
Duncle, 1st 4 1 1 0 0 0  
Loney, 3rd 4 1 3 0 0 1  
McElligott, ss 4 0 0 1 2 1  
Boyle, c 3 0 0 12 0 0  
Sherlow, p 4 0 2 0 2 0

**South Bend**  
Hixenbaugh, 3rd 4 0 0 0 1 0  
Siskler, ss 4 0 0 3 6 0  
Grimes, 2nd 4 0 0 4 1 0  
Napier, m 2 0 0 4 0 0  
Brown, lf 3 0 0 0 0 0  
Morris, c 3 0 0 4 1 0  
Moore, 1st 3 1 1 9 0 0  
Ewald, rf 2 0 0 0 0 0  
Crow, p 3 0 0 0 1 0  
Morgan, rf 1 0 1 0 0 0

29 2 2 24 10 0  
Republics 005 000 000-5  
St. Josephus 000 000 024-2

Three base hits—Tooley, Loney. Two base hits—Loney. Stolen bases—Napier, Hunter. Double plays—Sherlow to Grimes to Moore; Sherlow to McElligott to Duncle. Struck out—Sherlow 11; Crow 3. Bases on balls—Sherlow 1, Crow 1. Hit by—(Continued on page five)

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## NEW PRESIDENT WAS SELECTED

**Charles G. Rhodes Resigned As Board of Trade Officer on Monday.**

### GERBER IS HIS SUCCESSOR

**Business Requires Too Much Time Away From Alma to Handle Job Says Rhodes.**

At a meeting of the Alma Chamber of Commerce held Monday afternoon, Charles G. Rhodes, elected last spring as president of the board, resigned from this position, because, as he explained it, his business affairs keep him away from Alma a greater part of the time, and that it is necessary for Alma to have a man at the head of the organization who will be here a greater part of the time.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce, having a knowledge of several highly important matters which are expected to come to the attention of the organization in the near future, could not but agree with Mr. Rhodes that a man was needed as president who will be in Alma practically all of the time, and much as the directors regretted to accept his resignation as president, Mr. Rhodes prevailed upon them to do so.

Mr. Rhodes has been very active of late in the work of starting the reorganization of the Board of Trade into the Chamber of Commerce, which is still under way, and probably will not be completely reorganized for some few weeks yet.

Following the acceptance of the resignation the directors elected Harry Gerber, manager of the Home Lumber & Fuel company, as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Henry S. Babcock, of The Record, was elected as a director of the organization to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the untimely death of Henry H. Soule two weeks ago.

Two members of the board of directors, Floyd H. Glass and John C. Chick were appointed as a committee to seek out the best available man for a full time secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and to them make known its recommendations to the board, which will secure the services of such a man.

Matters pertaining to the dues of members of the Chamber of Commerce have not yet been worked out, but it is hoped that a decision regarding the memberships and the dues, will be settled within a very short time, and the re-organization then speedily completed.

### AUDIT IS FINISHED

**Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research Finishes Work Here.**

The Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, which has been engaged for the past few weeks on an audit of the books of the City of Alma since March 16, 1916, until the present time and to make such recommendations as was deemed necessary for the future, has finished its work, and Tuesday evening Mr. E. C. Rightor, who has been employed on the work, made his report to the city commission.

The report covers forty typewritten pages in addition to some ten or twelve pages of tables, showing the clerk's balances yearly, etc. It calls attention to some small errors in the past, just such mistakes as anyone might make in getting out reports, etc.

The purposes of the audit are set forth as follows:

1. To ascertain the present financial condition of the City of Alma, what it owes and what it owns.
2. To determine how the city arrived at its present financial status—what were the financial transactions during the past four fiscal periods that resulted in its present financial condition.
3. To ascertain what the council purposes to finance during each fiscal year since 1915—what public services and permanent improvements the citizens and taxpayers might expect from the expenditure of property taxes, special assessments, sales of bonds, and other income.
4. To determine how far the financial program as planned for each fiscal period was realized.
5. To determine the financial condition of the city as of May 1, 1919, when the charter and the new plan of government became effective, and the nature and results of the financial activities since that date.
6. To furnish the data as of October 1, 1919, that the revised accounting procedure may be opened and thereafter make available current and accurate information relative to all of the financial transactions of the city.

The report indicates many loose ends in the city affairs, and by this audit and the opening of new sets of books by the city, it is believed that these past troubles may be eliminated, and the very best of results secured to the taxpayer.

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### MEET ITHACA

**High School Football Team Will Open the 1920 Season Friday.**

The Alma high school football team will open the 1920 season at Ithaca on Friday of this week, and while the team is going into the game with little practice, and probably minus some of the veterans that were expected in the lineup, a victory over the County Seat team is being looked forward to by the Orange and Black.

Some of the veterans have been loafing on the job, during the early days of the practice, taking off a night or two, while some were late in reporting for the workouts. This has hurt the team's chances to round into a fast aggregation in such a short time, as it has without a doubt acted to slow up the teamwork. A greater number of the new men have been showing a highly commendable spirit, having been out practically every night, and some few of them are fighting to retain places on the eleven. It is very probable that the work of the locals will show up some what crude Friday, when compared to the work of the Ithaca gridders.

Ithaca is going into the game with the advantage of having staged a hard battle last Friday at Owosso, and has discovered the most glaring defects in her lineup and this week should be able to present a strong lineup, and it is more than possible that the locals will have a real game on their hands before the final whistle blows.

### CHARTER AMENDMENT

**TO GO TO VOTERS**

**City Officials Desire to Change Beginning of Fiscal Year to July 1.**

When the voters of the city go to the polls at the November election they will find a ballot upon which is printed a proposed amendment to the charter of the City of Alma, which on the face of the amendment means little, as it is simply a proposition to change the beginning of the fiscal year from October 1 to July 1. While seemingly unimportant, it promises to have a big bearing on city affairs in the future.

Under present conditions, with the fiscal year beginning October 1, the taxes collected during July, August and September are not available for the city until the beginning of the fiscal year on October 1. There is little chance at this late date of starting public improvements on any large scale, with the hope of finishing it before freezing weather sets in. This is particularly true with paving and with sidewalk construction, as freezing weather will spoil either. This means that under present conditions public improvements must be held over until the following spring.

This brings about another important matter, that is worthy of consideration. The budget by which taxes are raised is prepared early in the year, the summer tax being based upon the amount estimated in the budget. If a certain public improvement was contemplated under present conditions, and could not be put in after October 1, it would go over until the following spring, or practically a year from the time that the estimates on the cost were made. If the prices of materials have increased in the meantime, there is not sufficient money for the completion of the work, making a still further delay necessary.

By changing the charter, so as to start the fiscal year on July 1, the taxes which become payable in July, are then made available on July 1. It follows naturally that estimates on the cost of the work, which go into the budget, will be much nearer correct if made for two or three months in advance, than if they were made for a period of from twelve to fifteen months in advance. By changing the date to July 1, there would be, as a result, much less danger of underestimating the cost of any public work, as there would be plenty of time for its construction during that summer. Materials could be bought in June, as money for its payment would be available within thirty days, and would be on the ground ready to start work immediately after July 1.

In many cases on larger public works, the changing of the date for the beginning of the fiscal year, would mean almost a year's time saved in getting in the work.

Manager William Reynolds pointed out Monday that this would in no way change the amount of money needed for taxes, but that it would simply allow earlier completion of public work, and also make it possible to more nearly estimate the cost of work.

The ballot will in addition to the squares for the yes and no of the voter, have printed on them the following:

Amendment to City Charter— "That Section 1 of Chapter XV of the Charter of the City of Alma, Michigan, be amended to read: 'The fiscal year of the City shall commence on the first day of July in each year.'"

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## Quick Stock Sale For New Company

**Alma Merchants Show Desire to Back Enterprise By Subscribing for Two Thousand Shares of Stock in Two Hours.**

### SEASON TO CLOSE

**Games With Rail Lights This Week Will End Republic Trucks Year.**

Alma fans, and those from the surrounding counties, who desire to get another look at the fast Republic Truck aggregation, before the highly successful 1920 season has passed into history, will get their last chance to look over Olmstead's gang of fighters on Saturday and Sunday, when they mix in two battles with the Toledo Rail Lights on Republic field.

Only three teams during the course of the entire year have been able to play the Republic Trucks even up to a series of games, and the Toledo Traction team is one of these. The Bresnahan managed aggregation has long been considered as one of the strongest semi-pro teams in the middle west, and in the coming series the Rail Lights will be fighting to maintain their prestige in the north central states.

The Republic Trucks will bring their most successful season to a close in the coming series, the winning of which they are hoping for, and to thereby establish themselves as the leading aggregation of the middle west. The Republics have played fifty games so far this season winning 41, and losing 9. No team has been able to take a series from the Truckmakers this season, and only three teams have been able to play the Republic Trucks even up in a series. Teams in five states have been played during the season.

The Republics could have rested on the laurels already won, and not taken the slightest chance on being slipped back a peg, had they not scheduled these two games with the Rail Lights for this week, but Manager Hank Olmstead has booked them as the season's closer in order to give the fans a closer fine opportunity to witness some great baseball, and thereby show the appreciation that the management and the baseball team has for the fine support that has been given by the fans this year.

That the Rail Lights are strong cannot be disputed. The Toledo team is the lone aggregation that has been able to defeat Rip Hagerman in two seasons of pitching with the Republics, a feat that is not a small one, when it is considered that Hagerman had won 27 straight games up to that time, and has won five straight since that time. His record for the present season to date is 24 won and only one lost, indicating that it was no small feat on the part of the Rail Lights to win from him.

The games on both Saturday and Sunday will be started promptly at 3:00 p. m.

### SEVERAL DEATHS

**Two Die Here and Former Resident of County Expires in West.**

During the past week death has taken two residents of this city, and on Wednesday of last week Amasa Doane, a former resident of Gratiot county died at Salida, Colorado.

Rev. James Abner Carpenter, pastor of the Latter Day church here, died at his home in this city on September 18, at the age of 71 years. He was born January 28, 1849. The funeral was held from the late home at 422 East Downie on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The body was shipped to Gladwin for burial.

Amasa Doane, for many years a resident of Gratiot county, residing near Forest Hill, died last week Wednesday, September 18, at Salida, Colorado, being about 45 years of age. The body was shipped to this city for burial. The funeral was held from the home of his brother, E. H. Doane, on State street Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. Gelsa officiating. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

Little Thelma Elizabeth Gilbert died at her home, 206 N. Grover avenue on Friday, September 15, at the age of three years. The funeral was held Saturday and the body taken to Riverdale for burial.

### TOO MUCH MARRIED

**Officers Arrested Woman Here on Thursday on Bigamy Charge.**

Last Thursday local officers, after receiving word from Illinois, arrested a woman known here as Mrs. Frances Wagner, and held her for Rockford, Illinois, officials, where she was taken Saturday to answer to a charge of bigamy. It is claimed that the woman had married three times without having gone through the process of legal separation, as she departed from under the roofs of hubbies No. 1 and 2.

Her Rockford husband, Leo Brong, secured the warrant charging bigamy, and it is needless to say that her Alma husband, Starr Wagner, was considerably surprised when officers arrested her on Thursday. She was taken to the county jail and held until the arrival of a deputy sheriff from Rockford.

The name of the alleged third husband is not known here.

### OPEN THE ROLLER MILLS

**Organization To Be Formed Which Will Purchase Concern and Again Open It.**

That Alma is still able to do things when she sets out to put a thing over was clearly demonstrated last week, when in a few minutes Friday night and a short time on Saturday morning, about two hours in all, 2,000 shares of stock were subscribed to a new corporation to be formed in this city, the backers of which will probably, before the present week is over, purchase the Alma Roller Mills with a view of making it one of the largest roller mills in the state.

Those who will be most heavily interested in the new enterprise, and who are at present vitally interested in its promotion are John Hicks of St. Johns, James Crawford of Ithaca, James Gibbs of Ithaca, and A. F. Crawford of Breckenridge.

These men, having an understanding that Alma had not cooperated to the fullest extent in the past in the roller mill, asked the business men of the city to share in the enterprise to show their spirit of co-operation and desire to help put the matter over.

It is understood that the men have an option on the mill for about three-fourths of its value, and they have passed along 2,000 shares of the stock to the business men at the price for which they pay for it.

The business men of the city were called together at a meeting at the city hall Friday evening, where the proposition was explained to them by Charles G. Rhodes, president of the Board of Trade. The business men were given the privilege of subscribing to the ten dollar shares at \$7.50 per share, this being contingent of course on the mill being purchased by the four men. Within a few minutes every man who attended the meeting had subscribed for stock, and fifteen had guaranteed the sale of the remainder. President Rhodes then appointed a committee of five to sell the balance of the stock, which was sold Saturday morning in less than two hours.

It is expected that Messrs. Hicks, James Crawford, James Gibbs, and A. F. Crawford will have closed their option on the property before the week is over, and that just as quickly as the affairs of the company can be gotten under way that the mill will again be opened, and Alma made a still better center for the farmers of the county.

### SOPHS WIN

**Bitter Class Fight Is Won by the Second Year Men.**

The annual class scrap between the Sophomores and Freshmen classes at Alma college Saturday morning, was won by the Second Year class, which kept the class colors on the flagpole in spite of the efforts of the Yearlings to pull them to the ground.

The fight this year started almost before the challenges had been put before the Yearlings starting on the war-path late Thursday. Late that day a number of Sophs were waylaid and made captives, but a truce was declared until Friday night, when the fight waxed warmer than ever, a real battle between the two classes being staged downtown Friday night, during which time several members of both classes were tied up and spirited away.

During the early part of Friday night, nearly all of the Sophs were made prisoners, but late in the night they gained their freedom, and a hot attempt was made to subdue the Yearlings, eighteen of whom were made prisoners. A dozen of them gained their freedom in time to participate in the class fight held at 6:00 a. m. Saturday.

The fight around the flag pole was hot right from the first whistle, but the Yearlings could not penetrate the strong defense that the Sophs put up, and when the end of the fight came the Sophs colors were still floating from the pole.

### ORGANIZATION PERFECTED

At a meeting held over the Alma State Savings Bank Monday evening, the organization of the Cox-Roosevelt-Ferris Club of Gratiot county was organized and officers elected as follows: D. Vought, chairman; M. D. Wilcox, secretary; Wm. A. Bahlke, treasurer. Another meeting of the county organization is to be held on next Monday evening.

The county organization is in hopes of holding a big banquet and pep meeting here in the near future, and also hopes to get Roosevelt to speak in Alma when he makes his Michigan tour.

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